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THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 9, 1954

Wonderful sunny day. E. deep in the snuffles. Food at the hotel is excellent, and the young local wines [redacted] satisfactory. In this benign climate, fruits and vegetables come to perfection. Pigs abound, and the variety of pork products is almost infinite. There are enough cattle for meat consumption by the natives, who are also addicted to eating kids. Fresh fish, scaly and shell, are always good. As everywhere in Spain, chicken and rice is a staple dish. Everything is inexpensive, certainly in foreign currency terms. The inhabitants are merry and polite. French is taught in the public schools, and English is understood in most of the shops. Palma offers many entertainments -- gipsy dancing, bull fights every Sunday, pelota, tennis, movies, and occasionally a play. Altogether, this island is little short of Paradise.

The chief artisanship seems to be addressed to weaving, textile manufacturing, copper, brass and silver making, and the production of great quantities of boots and shoes. We have bought some straw matting for Georgetown.

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